

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated November 14, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated February 25, 2009. Claims 1-20 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 9-20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3-8 are now pending with claim 3 being in independent form.

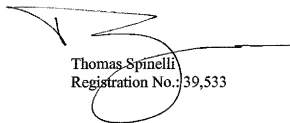
Claims 3-8 were indicated as allowed in the November 14, 2008 final Office Action and the February 25, 2009 Advisory Action.

The November 14, 2008 final Office Action indicated that claims 1, 2 and 9-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,916,533 to Gillies et al.. The February 25, 2009 Advisory Action indicated that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed February 6, 2009, in response to the November 14, 2008 final Office Action, failed to place the application in condition for allowance.

By the present Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 9-20 have been cancelled thereby making moot the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections of claims 1, 2 and 9-20. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections of claims 1, 2 and 9-20.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Spinelli', is written over the printed name and registration number. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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